National Sample Survey Organisation during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, it is estimated that the average annual rate of growth of employment was of the order of 0.98 per cent and the average annual labour force growth was about 1.03 percent as per Usual Prinicipal and Subsidiary Status Approach. The unemployment rate was of the order of 1.90 per cent during 1993-94 and about 2.23 per cent during 1999-2000.

Setting up of MEPs and IOWF for Indian workers abroad

566. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council (MEPC) and an Indian Overseas Workers fund for watching the Well being of Indian workers abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The proposal to set up a Central manpower Export Promotion council and Indian Overseas Workers Welfare Fund is under consideration of the Government.

Employment to unorganised labours

†567. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas identified to provide employment to unorganized labours and the percentage of these labours out of the total task force;

(b) the details of the latest position of labour employed in the infrastructural facility sector alongwith the measures being taken by Government for their welfare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a)Around 92 per cent of the total work force is in the unorganized sector. Agriculture and allied activities, food processing, small scale industries, service sector, travel and tourism, information technology, housing and real

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estate development and construction, road transport, distributive trade, educational and health services and new emerging services, are the areas with sufficient employment potential.

(b) and (c) The industry-wise distribution of estimated employment as per survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Government has set-up the second National Commission on Labour to go into the details and *inter-alia* suggest measures which will also benefit the workers engaged in various activities in the unorganized sector.

Statement

The industry-wise distribution of estimated employment

Industry	*Employed workers 1999-2000 (Million)
Agriculture	237.56
Mining and Quarrying	2.27
Manufacturing	48.01
Electricity, gas and water supply	1.28
Construction	17.62
Trade	37.32
Transport, Storage and Communication	14.69
Financial Services	5.05
Community Social and Pers. Services	33.20
Total Employment	**397.00**

*As per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) Approach.

Reduction in Unemployment Level

†568. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effective policy is being worked out to reduce the unemployment level by incorporating amendments in labour laws; and

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